Mr. G. SANKARA SETTY.—Are the Government aware that buses from Pavagada to Madhugiri have to pass through British Indian territory over a distance of 10 miles on the way and are subjected to double taxation, *viz.*, the toll-gate fee as well as road cess to the British Indian authorities?

Mr. C. SUBRAHMANYA AIYAR.—For passing through different jurisdictions, taxes have to be paid to all the concerned authorities. But that could not be characterised as double taxation

Mr. G. SANKARA SETTY.—On a former occasion when the same question was brought to the notice of Government they had promised to make some reciprocal arrangements with the neighbouring Governments. Will necessary arrangements be made now at least which may bring relief to the poor contractors?

Mr. C. SUBRAHMANYA AIYAR.—Reciprocal arrangements imply the consent of more than one party.

The FIRST MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rau).—How do you say it is double taxation?

Mr. G. SANKARA SETTY.—The British Indian authorities may be entitled to road cess because the buses pass through their portion of the road also. But why should they insist on collecting vehicle tax also?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—There are certain practical difficulties in the matter. However, the matter is under correspondence and Government will do their best to arrive at a satisfactory understanding.

Supply of Electric Power to Koratagere, Madhugiri and Sira Taluks.

Q.—17. Mr. G. RAMIAH (Koratagere Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether a scheme was not prepared by Government for the supply of electric power to Koratagere, Madhugiri and Sira Taluks;

(*b*) whether the estimate prepared in this behalf has not been included in the list of unsanctioned estimates;

(*c*) whether the place has not been inspected and local enquiries instituted by the authorities and whether the Chief Electrical Engineer has not furnished a favourable opinion in the matter;

(*d*) whether the raiyats of Koratagere and Madhugiri Taluks have not voluntarily come forward to take up 200 electric pumps in each taluk for agricultural purposes and whether they have not previously given their statements to this effect;

(*e*) whether the authorities have taken action to find out the genuineness of their representation and whether they have instituted necessary enquiries;

(*f*) whether they are aware that strong promises were held out both by the Dewan Saheb during his tour and the concerned authorities in the District Conference to arrange for the supply of electric power this year alone?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT (Sir H. N. Colam).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Government are not aware of any such statements.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*d*).

(*f*) Yes.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—With reference to answer (*a*), how long is it since the scheme was prepared?

SIR H. N. COLAM.—I could not tell you exactly.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—When was investigation in respect of this scheme commenced?

SIR H. N. COLAM.—I cannot tell you the date.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—At least in what year was the investigation commenced?

SIR H. N. COLAM.—The total income expected would be about half the cost of supply of electricity. Therefore the scheme was dropped for the time being, as unremunerative.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—Do not the people of Koratagere, Madhugiri and Sira taluks require electricity mainly for agricultural purposes?

SIR H. N. COLAM.—I can only say that the total estimated income is about Rs. 22,000 per annum, including that from pumping installations, and that the cost of supply will be about double that amount.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—Have you investigated how many pumps the people are prepared to take?

SIR H. N. COLAM.—The figure I gave includes the income from pumping installations also.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—Have the Government decided to give electricity to those parts?

SIR H. N. COLAM.—The scheme has been postponed as being unremunerative.

Mr. PRESIDENT.—Government are anxious that electricity should be taken to every place. Let us see how soon we can do it. Taking it to all places at once would be impossible. We want to supply power to Madhugiri and other places. But the outbreak of war has resulted in an enormous rise in prices.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—Can we hope that at least in the next year's budget, provision will be made for electrifying these towns?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—Who can give you an assurance like that? If it becomes possible by next year, Government will be as glad as any one.

Mr. MAYI GOWDA.—With Bannur as distributing centre, electricity may be supplied to Chamarajanagar and a number of other places, and I was told that a scheme on those lines has been sanctioned recently. When will the work commence?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—Work has commenced already.

Hathwall Anecut Scheme.

Q.—25. Messrs. T. S. SIVALINGASWAMY (T.-Narsipur Taluk); SIDDAVEERAPPA, GURUBASAPPA and K. N. PUTTANNA (Chamarajanagar Taluk); K. C. SUBBANNA (Gundlupet Taluk); G. MALLANNA (Mysore Taluk); Lokasevaniratha B. SIDDALINGA SETTY (Krishnarajanagara Taluk); K. NANDI BASAPPA, Rao Sahib M. RAMASWAMY and M. SHAMANNA (Mysore City Municipality); and H. P. BASAPPA (Heggadadevanakote Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the height of the "Hathwall" *anecut* proposed to be constructed across the Kapila near Hullahalli;

(*b*) the purpose;

(*c*) whether it is not a fact that the populous area of Hampapur, Saragur and Hullahalli Hoblies come under submersion;

(*d*) (i) whether plans and estimates have been separately prepared; (ii) the estimated cost of each project;

(*e*) (i) the value of the lands which get submerged by constructing the *ane* (1) at Hathwall and (2) at Kalikatte; (ii) the population in each of these cases?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. N. Sarabhoja).—

(*a*) Fifty-five feet above river bed in the first stage and 78 feet above bed in the second or final stage.

(*b*) For power and irrigation.

(*c*) Yes; part of the hoblies mentioned may come under submersion.

(*d*) (i) Preliminary estimates and plans have been prepared for the proposed reservoir at Hullahalli site. (ii) The cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 53 lakhs for the first stage and Rs. 125 lakhs for the final stage.

(*e*) (i) Compensation charges for the area coming under submersion in the case of Hathwall site are estimated at about Rs. 10 lakhs for the first stage, and Rs. 20 lakhs for the second or final stage. (ii) Population affected is about 4,500 and 8,000 respectively, for the two stages.

Mr. N. BHOGI MALLIAH.—With reference to answer (*c*), what is the extent of land that might be submerged?

Mr. N. SARABHOJA.—I shall give you the details presently.

Mr. N. BHOGI MALLIAH.—What will be the return expected from the scheme?

Mr. N SARABHOJA.—About 4 per cent.

Mr. N. BHOGI MALLIAH.—Will the raiyats be given reasonable extents of